

NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CA 92134

MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CHILD GUIDANCE DIVISION

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP TRAINING

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

Prerequisite: Fourth year student with prior General Psychiatry Clerkship satisfactorily completed.

Length of Time: Four to six weeks

Objectives: To perform comprehensive diagnostic evaluations of children and adolescents while communicating effectively with families to facilitate a biopsychosocial differential diagnosis.

Prescribe effective therapeutic interventions.

Appreciate the interdisciplinary nature of child and adolescent psychiatry.

Experience: The student will be an active participant in the diagnostic evaluation of pediatric outpatients (child and adolescent) and their families.

He/She will psychiatrically examine patients with common problems that the pediatric psychiatric patient experiences: internalizing disorders, disruptive behavior disorders and developmental disorders.

Additionally, the student will be exposed to clinical issues that do not fit neatly into diagnostic categories such as suicidal behavior, the divorcing family and child abuse.

The student will participate in the follow up management of patients treated pharmacologically.

The student is expected to participate by independently pursuing case directed readings.

The student is required to have identified a particular topic of interest in child and

adolescent psychiatry and to have prepared a 10-15 minute power point presentation to be delivered on the last Wednesday of the rotation at the 1100 Division All Hands meeting.

Text and Readings:

1. Kaplan and Sadock Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry, Ninth Edition. Edited by Benjamin James Sadock, Virginia Alcott Sadock and Pedro Ruiz, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, 2009.
2. Selected articles from current literature.